STATE OF IOWA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: IES UTILITIES, INC.	DOCKET NO. E-21447

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF FRANCHISE

(Issued July 6, 2000)

On May 5, 1999, IES Utilities, Inc. (IES) filed a petition, identified as Docket No. E-21447, with the Iowa Utilities Board for a franchise to erect, maintain, and operate approximately 3.86 miles of 72,500-volt maximum voltage electric transmission line in Wapello County, Iowa, pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 478 (1999).

In its petition, IES states that it does not request authority to construct any new transmission lines, but only to extend Franchise No. 14119 for transmission lines that have been previously constructed and are presently being operated and maintained. Franchise No. 14119 was granted on February 14, 1975, in Docket No. E-17605. IES further states that all easements required for the line have been obtained.

IES has met the requirements of Iowa Code chapter 478 (1999) and 199 IAC chapter 11 and a franchise should be issued to IES for the transmission line described in the petition.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.   No objections to the petition have been filed as provided for by Iowa Code chapter 478 (1999).

2.   Notice of the petition was published as required by Iowa Code chapter 478 (1999).

3.   IES has filed an agreement to pay all costs and expenses of this franchise proceeding pursuant to Iowa code § 478.4 (1999).

4.   The transmission line is necessary to serve a public use. This conclusion is based on information provided pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 478 (1999).

5.   The transmission line represents a reasonable relationship to an overall plan of transmitting electric energy in the public interest. This conclusion is based on information provided pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 478 (1999).

6.   The transmission line will meet or exceed the minimum engineering requirements of the rules of the Board and will conform to the requirements of Iowa Code chapter 478 (1999).

7.   IES has not requested it be vested with the right of eminent domain.

8.   The transmission line is near and parallel to a railroad rights of way or along division lines of land, wherever practicable and reasonable, and so as not to unnecessarily interfere with the use of land by the occupants consistent with Iowa Code § 478.18 (1999).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1.   The Utilities Board has jurisdiction of the parties and subject matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 478 (1999).

2.   The Utilities Board has authority pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 478 (1999) to grant franchises for the construction, erection, maintenance, and operation of certain electric transmission lines outside cities in the state for the transmission, distribution, or sale of electric current within the state. Iowa Code § 478.1 (1999).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1.   The petition is granted and a franchise will be issued to IES Utilities, Inc. to construct, erect, operate, and maintain an electric transmission line as specifically described in the franchise, identified as Franchise No. 17380, attached to this order and incorporated by this reference.

2.   The Utilities Board retains jurisdiction of the subject matter in this docket pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 478 (1999), and may at any time during the period of the franchise make such further orders as may be necessary.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.   /s/ Diane Munns
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 6th day of July, 2000.

FRANCHISE NO. 17380

On May 6, 1999, IES Utilities, Inc. (IES) filed a petition, identified as Docket No. E-21447, with the Utilities Board for a franchise to erect, maintain, and operate 3.86 miles of 72,500-volt maximum voltage electric transmission line in Wapello County for the transmission, distribution, use, and sale of electric current for lighting, power, and heating purposes pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 478 (1999). The franchise sought would constitute an extension of Franchise No. 14119, previously granted on February 14, 1975, in Docket No. E-17605, pursuant to Iowa Code § 478.13.

Upon notice in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 478 (1999), the Board found the petition should be granted and a franchise issued to IES.

Pursuant to the order of the Board and Iowa Code chapter 478 (1999), this franchise is issued and permission and authority are granted to IES to erect, maintain, and operate a transmission line on routing specifically described for the transmission, distribution, use, and sale of electric current outside cities and town and for such purpose to erect, use, and maintain poles, wires, guy wires, towers, cables, conduits, and other fixtures and appliances necessary for conducting electric current for light, heat, and power, over, along, and across any public lands, highways, streams, or the lands of any person, company, or corporation and to acquire necessary interest in real estate for such purposes on and along the route particularly described in Exhibit A, attached to and incorporated by reference in this franchise.

This franchise is granted for a period of 25 years from the date of issuance unless revoked, modified, or terminated pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 478 (1999). This

franchise shall be subject to and governed by all provisions, conditions, and

requirements of Iowa Code chapter 478 (1999) and by all provisions, conditions, and

requirements of the Utilities Board, as may be applicable.

The use of the right of eminent domain is not necessary and, therefore, not

included by the Board in its order granting this franchise.

It is provided and understood this franchise is granted subject to the provisions of

Iowa Code § 319.5 (1999).

It is further provided and is a condition of this franchise that the Board retain

jurisdiction and may at any time during the period of this franchise make such further

orders and regulations as may be necessary.

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 /s/ Allan T. Thoms
Chairman

ATTEST:

 /s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 6th day of July, 2000.